

Tour Itinerary

ABOUT SRI LANKA

● History

Sri Lanka has been continuously inhabited for more than 2 million years, with the original inhabitants descended from Stone Age hunter gatherers. Immigration arrived from northern India around the 5th century BCE, forming the basis of the modern Sinhalese population. Tamils from the south of India arrived approximately two centuries later, settling in Jaffna.

Ancient Greek geographers called it Taprobane. Arabs referred to it as Serendib. Later European mapmakers called it Ceylon, a name still used occasionally for trade purposes. It officially became Sri Lanka in 1972. In 1948, after nearly 150 years of British rule, Sri Lanka became an independent country, and it was admitted to the United Nations seven years later. The country is a member of the Commonwealth and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.

● Geography

Sri Lanka is an island nation in the Indian Ocean, located between the Laccadive Sea in west and the Bay of Bengal in east. The island is situated about 30 km (19 mi) south east of the southern coast of India. Sri Lanka consists of a main island and a number of smaller islands. The nation has a total area of 65,610 km², with 64,740 km² of land and 870 km² of water. Its coastline is 1,340 km (830 mi) long. It is located between latitudes 5°55' and 9°51' N and longitudes 79°41' and 81°53' E and has a maximum length of 268 miles (432 km) and a maximum width of 139 miles (224 km).

● Climate

Sri Lanka's climate includes tropical monsoons: the northeast monsoon (December to March), and the southwest monsoon (June to October). The Climate in Sri Lanka is tropical and consists of very distinctive dry and wet seasons. The average temperature of Sri Lanka usually ranges from 28 – 32 degrees Celsius which may differ due to



global weather conditions as a whole. The temperature can vary from being as low as 16 degrees Celsius in Nuwara Eliya which belongs to the central highlands and to as high as 32 degrees in Batticaloa along the Eastern coast of the island. However there are certain areas along the coast that are cooled by the ocean breezes. The coldest months according to the mean monthly temperature are December and January while the warmest months are April and August.

- **People and culture**

It has a significant population of 21.02 million in 2019 (down from 21,481,334 in 2013). And the largest minority group of the country is Sinhalese people, accounting for 74% of its total population,. The second largest group is Tamil, account for 18% of the country's populace. The next group is Moors, the Arab origins, recognized as the Muslims of 7% of total population. Main Religion is Buddhism. Mother language is 'Sinhala'



- **Attractions**

Known for its enchanting ancient ruins, endless soft-sanded beaches, imposing mountains, colorful festivals, tempting water sports, dense wild-life, diverse ethnical groups, cultural and world heritage sites, warm weather, cool weather and off the top hospitality from the local residents.

- Main Places to visit
 - Colombo
 - Kandy
 - Sigiriya
 - Nuwara Eliya
 - Ella
 - Anuradhapura
 - Jaffna
 - Trincomalee
 - Pasikudha
 - Yala/ Tissamaharama / Kataragama
 - Southern beach area (Bentota, Hikkaduwa, Ahungalla, Unawatuna, Galle, Tangalle)

Tour Program – Sri Lanka

Guest Name	TBI
Duration	05 nights 06 days
Arrival Date	TBI
Departure Date	TBI
Pax Count	Min 02 Pax
Hotel Category	05-star
Meal Basis	HB

DAY 01 – AIRPORT / KANDY

Warmly welcome to Sri Lanka! Our tour guide will pick you up from the Bandaranayke International Airport at the scheduled hour and will be there with you throughout the stay being your guide, driver and your friend.

- ✓ Arrive at Bandaranayke International Airport and meet our representative
- ✓ Transfer to Kandy via Pinnawala. (Approximately 01 hours journey (40 km) drive from Airport to Colombo)
- ✓ Then proceeds to Kandy.
- ✓ Evening witnesses a cultural dance performance at Kandy.
- ✓ Dinner and overnight stay at Kandy.



Day Highlights

- **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage**

The Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage was established in 1975 by Sri Lanka Department of Wildlife Conservation to care and protect abandoned wild baby elephants found in the forests of Sri Lanka. It was originally established with 5 baby elephants at the Wilpattu National Park, then moved to the Bentota tourist complex near Galle, then to the Dehiwela Zoo and finally moved to its present location on the banks of the Maha Oya River in Kegalle in central Sri Lanka. The present facility which occupies an area of 10 ha, sometimes also referred to as the Pinnawala Zoo, is managed by the Department of National Zoological Gardens.



- **Kandy**

The Kandy city established in the 15th century was the last royal capital where 2500 years of royal rule ended. Many of the buildings are colonial and some are even older. The beautiful city, surrounded by hills and valleys, rivers, lakes and cascading waterfalls, boasts of the Royal Botanical gardens at Peradeniya. Many of Sri Lanka's arts and crafts flourish here, particularly the silver and brass crafts as well as jewellery in traditional designs. This market town is also the economic focus of the surrounding tea-producing central highlands. Kandy is a popular stop during July/August when the annual Esala Perehera (holy festival) takes to the streets of the city. Kandy is an exciting place for shopping with souvenirs of wood copper, silver, brass and bronze. Ceramics, lacquer work, handlooms batiks, jewellery, rush and reed-ware too could be purchased. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a UNESCO world heritage site partly due to the temple.



- **Cultural Dance Show**

Cultural show is one of the most famous events / sightseeing available for the foreigners in their visit to Sri Lanka at Kandy which performing all Sri Lankan dances types in one platform. This spontaneous event upheld the Sri Lankan Folk-lore dance which prevailed from the history. It shows the uniqueness of the Sri Lankan dance performances and the drummers who are very unique to Sri Lanka. As the final event in the Cultural show, walking on fire is done with the everlasting faith towards the god.

DAY 02 – KANDY

- Breakfast at the hotel
- ✓ Kandy City Tour
- ✓ Visit Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic
- ✓ Later visit Peradeniya Botanical Garden.
- ✓ Evening relaxes at hotel.
- ✓ Dinner and overnight stay at Kandy.

Day Highlights

- **Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic**

The main attraction of the city and also the most sacred Buddhist establishment in Sri Lanka is where one of Buddha's Tooth is being kept. Built in the 16th century but improvements and additions have been done to this structure until the fall of the Kandy kingdom. A golden canopy was added recently. Daily rituals are being carried out at various offering times to the shrine. A dress code applies for entering the temple. The magnificence has been enhanced by the octagonal pavilion.



Dress code

- *Wearing a white color dress is a good idea, it shows respect, but it is not mandatory. You will need to cover your knees and shoulders – and access the inner chambers barefoot or with socks.*

- **Peradeniya Botanical Garden**

Peradeniya is one of the best botanical gardens in Sri Lanka, and one of the most beautiful in Asia. It is located just 6 km from Kandy, and has more than 300 varieties of Orchids, spices, medicinal plants and palms trees attached it is the National Herbarium. Total land mass of the botanical garden is 147 acres. In the center of the gardens is an artificial lake in the shape of the island of Sri Lanka, beside which a white-domed rotunda commemorates George Gardner, superintendent of the gardens in the mid-19th century.



Important Facts

- ✓ *The walk through the Botanical Gardens is suitable for people of all ages. There are rest rooms inside the gardens and there is a cafeteria as well. Please do take water with you. You may need to take an umbrella to either protect you from the sun, or the rain.*

What to wear or bring along:

- ✓ *Light, cool clothing, sun cream or a hat are recommended.*

DAY 03 – KANDY/NUWARA ELIYA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Then proceed to Nuwara Eliya.
- On the way visit Ramboda Falls
- Go for a Tea Factory visit and experiencing tea plucking
- Dinner and overnight stay at Nuwara Eliya

Day Highlights

- **Ramboda Falls**

Ramboda Falls is height of 109 m and height from Sea Level is 945m. Its ranking in Sri Lanka as the 11th Tallest waterfall. Ramboda waterfall is not a single waterfall and it has two stairs. The upside of the main road of Ramboda place, there is another waterfall.



- **Tea Factory Visit**

Tea tourism has been long-established in Sri Lanka and almost every tea factory offers a tea tour of some sort. Visit a working Tea Factory and be enlightened on the tea manufacturing process. Watch the tea pickers as they nimbly climb up the mountainside with their large baskets and pick the tea leaves, then visit the factory and you will be taken around by a friendly staff member who will explain the process of fermentation, rolling, drying, cutting, sieving and grading of tea. There are machines for almost every part of the process except of course the all-important tea tasting at the end of the process to determine the quality of the tea.



Opening hours

- ✓ From 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Duration

- ✓ Approximately 1 hour.

Important Facts

- ✓ It can be noisy and dusty inside the factory. Tea Factories are usually closed on Sundays.

- **Nuwara Eliya City**

Nuwara Eliya stands at over 1,800m and has a mean annual temperature of 16 degrees Celsius. Nuwara Eliya, also known as 'Little' England', was the favorite hill station of the British who tried to create the resort into a typical English Village. The old brick Post office, country house like hill club, with its hunting pictures, mounted hunting trophies and fish, and its strict formal dinner attire; the 18-hole golf course, race course etc., evoke nostalgia of Colonial British Ceylon.



DAY 04 – NUWARA ELIYA/BENTOTA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Proceed to Bentota.
- Evening boat ride at Madu River
- Evening relaxes at the beach.
- Overnight stay at Bentota.

Day Highlights

- **Bentota**

Bentota is famed as the prime beach resort of the south-western and southern coastal belts of Sri Lanka. The coast towards the further South too is replete with lovely tropical beaches making it ideal for a perfect beach holiday with the sun and sand. Furthermore, for the lovers of water sports, Bentota, in addition to its pristine palm fringed beaches, brings in more pleasures nowhere else to be found. Calm seas during the season from November to April make Bentota beach ideal for snorkeling, diving, sailing, wind surfing, water-skiing and deep-sea fishing on a traditional outrigger canoe.



- **Madu River boat ride**

This wetland spreads over 900 hectares of area and most of it covered with water. There are totally 64 islands in Madu Ganga. This tour will take around 2.5 to 3 hours and it's advisable to bring drinking water, Sunglasses and hats. Some boats have adjustable roofing covers. This one-hour tour takes you on a boat safari through the primitive depths



of the mangrove marshes in Madu River. Get a chance to see crocodiles, water snakes, tree snakes and wild boars in their natural habitat. Watch the cormorants; storks and many other avian life hunt for their prey in swift flow of Madu River. Visit the old Buddhist temple on one of the islands that dot the river liberally. Stop by another of the islands; which are the source of the cinnamon industry of Sri Lanka. Purchase some fresh, high-quality cinnamon to take home as a souvenir. Make sure to visit the outdoor fish massage parlor, where you can dangle your feet into a fenced part of the river to get treated by the massage fish.

DAY 05 – BENTOTA/GALLE/BENTOTA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit to a turtle hatchery.
- City tour at Galle.
- Visit Stilt fishing.
- Then proceed to Bentota.
- Dinner and overnight stay at Bentota.

Day Highlights

- **Galle City Tour**

Galle Fort explores this magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is a spellbinding mixture of Dutch, Portuguese and British history. The tour is part driven and part walking and covers the important highlights within the fort. This tour generally covers the whole Galle Fort area. This includes amazing views, knowledge on colonial history, interesting back stories, and detailed insights. You also get to know about the modern Sri Lankan culture and its connection with the colonial era.



Main Attractions

- ✓ The Fort of Galle- A UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ✓ Galle Museum
- ✓ Galle International Cricket Stadium
- ✓ Galle Lighthouse

- **Turtle Hatchery**

Turtles are reptiles of the order Chelonii. Therefore, they are also called chelonians by researchers and conservationists. Chelonians are characterized by the special bony shell or carapace, which is developed from their ribs and acts as a shield. They are an old group with the very first proto-turtles having evolved over 220 million years ago in the



Triassic Era. The order of Chelonii, also known as the Testudines, have three members in the group; turtles, tortoises and terrapins. The south coast of Sri Lanka including the beach areas in and around the resort are nesting sites for five of the six endangered sea turtle species namely the Leatherback, Loggerhead, Hawksbill, Olive Ridley and Green Turtle. Turtle Hatchery which primary operates as a hatchery is a great place to observe collected and rescued eggs hatch and then safely released into the sea.

DAY 06 – BENTOTA / AIRPORT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Proceed to the airport for the departure flight.

******* END OF THE TOUR *******

✓ Hotel Suggested – 05 Star

Location	Hotels	Nights
Kandy	Cinnamon Citadel	02 nights
Nuwara Eliya	Araliya Red	01 Night
Bentota	Cinnamon Bay Beruwala	02 Nights

✓ Package Rates based on 02 pax in DBL room with Normal Car

Sharing TWIN / DBL rooms
USD /- 595 Per Person

✓ Package Rates based on 02 pax in DBL room with Luxury Car

Sharing TWIN / DBL rooms
USD /- 1045 Per Person

✓ Package Cost Included

- ✓ 05 nights' accommodation in above mentioned hotels or similar.
- ✓ Accommodation in shared as mentioned above.
- ✓ Meals based on Half Board basis (HB) Breakfast + Dinner at the same hotels.
- ✓ Services of English-speaking chauffeur guide
- ✓ Transport through an air-conditioned vehicle (car) from arrival till departure on private basis.
- ✓ Meeting and Greeting at the Airport.

✓ **Value Added Services**

- ✓ Complementary - Highway and parking tickets
- ✓ Complementary - Water bottles in the vehicle – 2 bottles per day per person
- ✓ Guide / Driver accommodation and meals

✓ **Package Cost Excluded**

- ✓ Air Fare / Air Tickets
- ✓ Sri Lanka Visa
- ✓ **Entrance Fees**
- ✓ **Lunch**
- ✓ Any Optional Tours cost not mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Meals other than specified in the meal plan.
- ✓ Early check ins & late check outs at the hotels
- ✓ Camera & video permits.
- ✓ Cost of beverages.
- ✓ Any expenses of a personal nature.
- ✓ Any other expenses not mentioned above.
- ✓ Tips & Portages.
- ✓ Any compulsory room supplements during the tour

✓ **Points to be noted**

- ✓ Standard international check-in time is between 1400 hours to and check out time is 1200 hours.
- ✓ Below 03 years children are on FOC Basis
- ✓ 12 and above 12 years child consider as an adult
- ✓ Early check-in is NOT guaranteed. If required we need to book one day in advance at an additional charge.
- ✓ If you have back problems, heart complaints and other serious medical conditions or pregnant or if you need wheel chair facilities you should inform us earlier do make your visit comfortable.
- ✓ Rates quoted are subject to verification at time of definite booking.
- ✓ Kindly note, no services are currently being held for this tour with any of the suppliers.
- ✓ Rooms and rates for the services will be subject to availability at the time of booking.



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